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TAGS ASEC
SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN AFTER FIRE AT CONSULATE GENERAL-
SAO PAULO

1. THE FIRE STARTED IN AN ADJOINING BUILDING TO CG AT ABOUT 0500
ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1978. RSO REAMS AND SEABEE STACEY WERE DISPATCHED
TO THE SCENE TO OFFER SECURITY ASSISTANCE. DURING LATE AFTERNOON
ON 9/5/78, THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED AND A SMALL TEAM OF PERSONNEL
FROM THE CONSULATE WAS ESCORTED BY THE LOCAL POLICE INTO THE BUILDING

.
BECAUSE THE ENTIRE BLOCK HAD BEEN CLOSED OFF TO EVERYONE BY THE
POLICE, NO CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WAS REMOVED UNTIL THE NIGHT OF
9/6/78. ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WAS PACKED BY US PERSONNEL AND
ESCORTED BY US PERSONNEL TO THE UNOCCUPIED RESIDENCE OF THE CONSUL
GENERAL WHERE A 24-HOUR MARINE GUARD POST WAS ESTABLISHED.

2. TCU AND OTHER CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE CG
RESIDENCE. AFTER NECESSARY TEMPORARY PARTITIONS ARE CONSTRUCTED
ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF THE US TRADE CENTER (USTC) ALL CLASSIFIED
OPERATIONS INCLUDING TCU AND C&R WILL BE LOCATED AT USTC WHERE
IT WILL REMAIN UNTIL A PERMANENT LOCATION IS FOUND. SEABEES
ARE CONSTRUCTING THE PARTITIONS AND SHOULD BE FINISHED BY 9/14/78.

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3. THE MARINE DETACHMENT HAS BEEN AUGMENTED BY THREE TDY MARINES.
DURING THE PERIOD WHILE TWO POSTS ARE NEEDED, RSO BELIEVES IT IS
JUSTIFIED TO HAVE TDY MARINES REMAIN IN SAO PAULO BUT AFTER THE
CLASSIFIED OPERATION IS MOVED TO USTC, IT WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY
RSO BELIEVES THAT BY 9/16/78, THE TDY MARINES SHOULD BE RELEASED
BY SAO PAULO.

4. RSO REQUESTED 5 SEABEES FOR ASSISTANCE IN REMOVING SAFES FROM THE BURNED BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTING PARTITIONS IN USTC FOR TCU AND C&R. THREE SEABEES WILL BE RELEASED AFTER THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED ON/ABOUT 9/16/78. AT THAT TIME IF A NEW SITE FOR THE PERMANENT BUILDING HAS BEEN SELECTED, 2 OR 3 SEABEES WILL REMAIN TO CONSTRUCT VAULT AREA IN NEW BUILDING. IF NO SITE HAS BEEN SELECTED THEN ALL SEABEES WILL BE RELEASED.

5. FOR SY/CC. RSO REAMS RETURNED TO BRASILIA ON 9/8/78. SEABEE STACEY RETURNED TO RIO ON 9/7/78. RSO KASTENS DEPARTED FOR SAO PAULO ON 9/12/78 (SEE BRASILIA 7097).
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